

**Traverse City Music Boosters Meeting
September 22, 2020**

In Attendance

Kevin Smiley
Wendee Wolf-Schlarf
Jill Jenkins
Linda Blakkan
Eileen Mikulski
Andy Richards
Lisa Wodcox
Thomas Hoxsie
Heather Hoxsie
Alline Beutler

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 and the August 2020 meeting minutes were approved

Music Director's Report

Thank you notes from several scholarship winners were shared.

In person school began this week. So far things seem to be going well for the music classes. Marching bands at Central and West are preparing shows to be performed the next two Wednesday evenings. The annual marching band expo is planned for October 12, but it will only be open to parents. There will be two blocks of 4 bands so the stadium will be emptied in between. All elementary staff are now placed in schools.

Treasurer's Report

Mini-grants have been included in the budget and there is a projected deficit for 2020.

Vice President's Report

No report at this time

TCC and TCW Organization updates

The Hoxsies represented the West parent choir organization. Not much to report yet, they have just had the first meeting for the year.

Old Business

- a. **Annual meeting-** The meeting will take place over Zoom on 10/27 at 6:30. Dr. Van Wagoner, the new superintendent and Shaina Biller, the new associate superintendent will be invited. Linda will write up some information about the meeting to give to music teachers so it can be shared with parents.
- b. **Fundraising Follow-up-** Pete Deneen will write up a story based on how a mini grant benefitted his band students that can be used in a fall fundraising letter. Kevin and Alline will work on the letter and the share it with the board for approval.

- c. **Shop Your Community Day-** This event has significantly changed for 2020 due to the pandemic. The number of organizations chosen to participate is much smaller than in previous years and only organizations that made more than a set amount last year are eligible to apply. Music Boosters didn't qualify to since we didn't raise the threshold amount from last year's SYCD.
- d. **Securing Parent Organization leaders to serve on the MB board- ????**
- e. **Phil Leete and daughter Madelyn-** Last spring boosters sent a \$100 check and a card wishing Madelyn well after her surgery to remove a brain tumor. Phil sent a card to the boosters saying how much he and his family appreciated the support. Madelyn is doing well.

Social gathering- After discussion it was decided that this was not the right time to promote in person gatherings.

New Business

- a. **Student scholarships and classroom mini-grants for 2020-2021-** One 2020 scholarship recipient is not enrolled in band at WMS this year. After discussion it was decided that the scholarship would be offered to the alternate in EMS band since there wasn't an alternate in WMS or WHS band programs. Eileen will verify that all other scholarship winners are enrolled in the proper music classes for the 2020-2021 school year. For at least one scholarship recipient, taking private lessons with their teacher has been a challenge because of the pandemic. Mid January will be the soft deadline for lessons to be completed and the hard deadline will be determined – likely March 1 or in February.

The next meeting is the Music Booster Annual Meeting and is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30 via Zoom.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09

Respectfully submitted by Alline Beutler